www.maine.gov/marvel

This worksheet was created as an exploration of the MARVEL resources, not as a test. The idea is to get comfortable using the resource, not to get the perfect, right answer.

GO TO

 to get access to all of the following:

1. BRITANNICA ONLINE SCHOOL EDITION
In the search box, enter the name of any country you would like to visit. When the search results come up, look on the right side of the page for Multimedia. Choose an image, map, video/animation or photo. Describe what you found.

2. EBSCO ANIMALS

- What is the lifespan of a *Maine Coon Cat*?

- How wide can the *Japanese giant spider crab* open the claw at the tip of its legs?

3. FUNK AND WAGNALLS NEW WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA
I was hungry when I looked at this**,** so **search *Ben & Jerry's* then search *ice cream*. Which has more results**?

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4. HEALTH SOURCE CONSUMER EDITION

This gives you articles on a broad variety of health issues. Be sure to check FULL TEXT box if you want to read the article online. Just try some searches to see what you find. Possible topics:

- *Ice cream*
- *Bird flu*
- *Swimming*
- Which search gives you more results: *chocolate* AND *men* or *chocolate* AND *women*?

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5. KIDS SEARCH

Students: Your teacher asks you to bring in a **magazine article** about *immigration* for a classroom debate on the topic.   Locate one by using the options they give you. Write the magazine title & date:

Teachers: Locate *Teacher resources* and search to see how many articles you can find on the Maine Learning Technology Initiative.

6. MAS ULTRA

- See how many FULL TEXT articles can you locate about *bubble gum*.

- Modify the search by adding AND *history* and see how the results change.

7. MIDDLE SEARCH PLUS

- Search to find a list of articles about *wikipedia*.   Choose either an article that supports using wikipedia for research or is against using it for research.   List the magazine name and date and tell which side the article supports.

8. NOVELIST

A fiction database that gives access to book reviews, summaries, and much more for over 135,000 fiction titles. It allows readers to look up a favorite book and find similar books, or look up a book by plot.
I recommend exploring the tabs across the top of the home page.
Go to the tab that says "Search our database" and then go to "Describe a plot" and type in this plot description (or make up your own): *ghost on the Maine coast.*

Write one book title that you found:

9. NOVELIST K-8

Like Novelist but only lists titles written for K-8 age group. Here's something to try: on the home page, click on the *grab and go booklist* link.
Could you locate the booklist for 6-8th graders on novels about the Civil War and slavery?   List one novel:

10. STUDENT RESEARCH CENTER

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- What are the top searches today?

- Your teacher has asked you to locate the text of a speech or letter by *Abraham Lincoln* (hey, that's called a "primary source document, isn't it?) Find one.

- Locate a newspaper or magazine article about *blogging*. (I found one in Health Magazine called "Blogging the pounds off.")

11. TWAYNE'S AUTHORS SERIES

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In Authors A-Z: Look up *Dr. Seuss*, author of The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, etc. (Look by LAST NAME). Click on a few of the chapters just to get an idea of the kind of information that is available.

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